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*A.*—(*a*) It is proposed to give Mr. Narayanaswami a salary of Rs. 500 per mensem in the scale of Rs. 250—25—750.

(*b*) Though a salary of Rs. 200 per mensem was advertised for the post it was found that none of the applicants except Mr. Narayanaswami had the qualifications and experience necessary to hold the post. Mr. Narayanaswami is already getting a substantive pay of Rs. 475 per mensem at Calcutta and so he could not be offered less here.

11-15 a.m. (*c*) The question of salary is governed by Fundamental Rule 32. Mr. Narayanaswami's appointment is not a case of transfer at his request but one of selection from a number of applicants. His pay at Calcutta was taken into account when his pay here was fixed.

(*d*) Rupees 475.

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" With reference to the answer to clause (*c*), may I know from the hon. Minister how many applications were received in all ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" About 50, Sir. "

*Claims of Mr. Jivanna Rao for the post of Systematic Botanist.*

* 1836 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Diwan Bahadur K. Rangachariyar was of opinion that Mr. Jivanna Rao would be the best person to occupy the post of Systematic Botanist provided he was given the opportunities and facilities to do the work ;

(*b*) why this recommendation was ignored and what are the reasons given by the head of the department for ignoring Mr. Jivanna Rao's claims and recommending another ; and

(*c*) whether the candidate now selected was having his promotions in the usual course in the office in which he is now serving without being superseded ?

*A.*—(*a*) Apparently on information from private sources that the advertisement of the post was being contemplated, Mr. Rangachariyar who was then a retired officer volunteered the opinion that it was undesirable to get a new hand when qualified candidates were available in the department itself and represented that Mr. Jivanna Rao was capable of doing higher work in Systematic Botany.

(*b*) The recommendation had to be ignored, as being hasty and because a better and more experienced candidate in the person of Mr. Narayanaswami Ayyar offered his services for the post. Mr. Jivanna Rao is already in the Madras Agricultural Service and the proposed appointment of Mr. Narayanaswami does not, therefore, amount to the overlooking of Mr. Jivanna Rao's claims.

(*c*) The Government have no information.